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1. In the Decision of April 10, 2006, the Board entered a new ground of rejection under 37 CFR § 41.50(b), that being a rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph of claims 7-12. In response, the Appellants opted to proceed with 37 CFR § 41.50(b)(1), by filing an amendment to the claims on May 30, 2006. The amendment was deemed not to meet the requirements of an appropriate amendment, as set forth by the Examiner in an Office Action mailed July 17, 2006, and thereby denied entry.

2. Since the Appellants have not met the requirements of 37 CFR § 41.50(b) by submitting an appropriate amendment, the rejection by the Board of claims 7-12 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph is hereby made FINAL.

3. Since the rejection under 37 CFR § 41.50(b) has not been overcome, claims 7-12 stand finally rejected. The appellants may file a second appeal limited to the 37 CFR § 41.50(b) rejection.

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

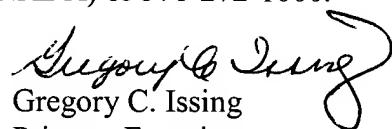
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory C. Issing whose telephone number is (571)-272-6973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:00 AM- 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Tarcza can be reached on (571)-272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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